

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Application of: Robert Stieper Milligan         | : |                              |
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|   | : | Examiner: Arthur L. Corbin   |
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| Serial No.: 10/756,373                          | : | Group Art Unit: 1761         |
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| Filed: January 14, 2004                         | : | Attorney Docket No.: 57282.2 |
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| For: INJECTION MOLDED MEAT<br>BASED PET PRODUCT | : | Customer No.: 027128         |
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|   | : | Confirmation No.: 2361       |
| Final Office Action: February 8, 2006 :         |   |                              |

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 8, 2006, and within the sixth month for response thereto and upon payment of the appropriate extension fee, as noted in the accompanying Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), please amend the above-identified application in accordance with the amendments and remarks as set forth herein. This Preliminary Amendment is filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this document.